



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Provider Participation and Advancement Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

September 14, 2015

MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

Melanie Brizzi

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Attendees: Kathy Oren, Lucinda Nord (guest), Kent Mitchell, Christy Prulhiere, Melanie Brizzi, Kathryn Raasch, Lamont "Monty" Hulse, Lisa Kottcamp, Maddie Solomon, Sue Panzica, Bruce Stahly, Karen Hamberger, Liane Nickey, Amanda Lopez, Kyle Wehmann; *On phone:* Victoria Matney, Jane Meyer, Mike Bachman, Monica DiOrio, Madeline Baker

Key Topics Discussed:

- ELAC Updates:
 - Currently working with the Office (OECOSL) to brand ELAC and create a website: www.ELACIndiana.org.
 - Newly created resources and tools: A white paper explaining definitions of Kindergarten Readiness Assessments, as Security Data Sharing Policy, and an Analysis of Funding that Supports Early Childhood Programs and Services in Indiana
 - Brief update on ELAC Strategic Planning Session
- Intro of new members:
 - Sue Panzica, Early Childhood Coalition in St. Joe county
 - Bruce Stahly, Horizon Education Alliance of Elkhart county
 - Kathy Oren, Community Education Coalition in Bartholomew county
- Review of revised 2015/2016 workgroup framework
- Monty discusses BUILD Initiative: Nuts and Bolts power point, Early Childhood Systems (uploaded in Wiggio)
- Christy provided update on status of panelists from CRRs for next workgroup meeting. Five panelists will share what is going on in their community and how they facilitate, lead, and collaborate. Rescheduled workgroup to October 5th due to Columbus Day holiday.

Identifying Early Childhood Focused Community Collaborations in Indiana:

- It was asked who should be at the table for the workgroup's new focus. Lucinda Nord suggested asking rather, "who should be on the email distribution list," as not everyone can always come to meetings. She also suggested having outer and inner circles of stakeholders participating in the work to make the best use of everyone's time, and to make sure materials and processes are transparent and can be brought back to individual communities.



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- Lucinda discussed coalition building through local United Ways:
 - There are 61 united ways or Funds (i.e., SCUFFY, MUFFY) across Indiana. Over last several years, UW has been focused on improving child care quality and moving providers “up” quality tiers. There has been recent concern with being overly focused on 4 year olds and not enough on pre-natal to toddler age group.
 - Initiatives to focus on ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, and Employed) families who historically do not choose quality child care options. Looking to integrate services to work with this population.
 - Discussion of Community Alliance to Promote Education (CAPE) Grants. Many CAPE initiatives have been unsustainable in some counties: Lessons learned: CAPE program model was based on Indianapolis and it was not appropriate for rural communities; also it did not include an evaluation component. Program models must match local capacity in local communities.
- Bruce mentioned difficulty getting “in” with faith-based communities in Elkhart in terms of identifying the landscape of ECE coalitions. Getting the faith-based community involved can be hard because of scarce resources time, and the struggle to locate an appropriate contact person within the organization.
- Lucinda asked about the “end goal” of creating a map of ECE community coalitions/collaborations across the state. One goal is to have an email distribution list for local coalitions to connect with each other. The ultimate goal is to share information and build dual capacity at the state and local level to support infrastructure and system building.
- ELAC’s Data Coordination workgroup recently starting the process of creating an early learning data dashboard for local communities across the state. Opportunity to combine efforts with IaUW, as they have a database with community profiles that could be used to inform the work for the community dashboards.

Key Questions Raised:

- What is the end goal of creating a map of local ECE community collaborations within each county?
- Aside from the usual suspects, what other organizations are convening around ECE within counties? Chamber of Commerce and other economic development groups were mentioned.
- Do local communities know what is going on at the state level?
- Is there a plan for ELAC to have a monthly communication or marketing piece, like a newsletter?



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Action Steps:

1. Housekeeping: Kyle will send a message in Wiggio about enhanced security at Wayne Township Preschool and arriving earlier to meetings; move workgroup meeting "up" one week to October 5th; add Kent Mitchell to October agenda (after panel) to discuss capacity building opportunities; and add Lucinda Nord to member list and Wiggio.
2. Workgroup members please review "Nuts and Bolts, Early Childhood Systems" BUILD initiative presentation (in Wiggio, Priority Work folder, Local ECE Collaborations folder.) Discussed potentially getting Gerry Cobb or Karen Ponder with BUILD Initiative to do a training webinar during an upcoming workgroup meeting.
3. By next meeting, workgroup will have a working draft of ECE landscape across Indiana.
4. Kent offered to share ELI report on registered ministries.
5. Melanie, Lacey, and Christy agreed to create a question template for panelists for next meeting. (i.e., Is there an ECE coalition in your community and how are you involved? History, barriers, goals, and outcomes.)
6. Melanie agreed to look into what system enhancements can be done to make CCRR reporting easier and report back to workgroup.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: Wayne Township Preschool, 31155 South High School Road, Indianapolis,

Conference Call #: 877-422-1931; code 8938051085